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SUBJ: MEDIA ATTACK ON SOMALI-SUDANESE REACTIONARY COLLUSION

SUMMARY: JUNE 7 MEDIA CARRIED TWO STATEMENTS FROM MININFO
SPOKESMAN. FIRST STATED SUDANESE TROOP BUILDUP ON ETHIO-
PIAN WESTERN BORDER BLEAR PROVOCATION. SECOND EXPRESSED
OPPOSITION TO ANY SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON SECURITY IN RED SEA
WITHOUT FULL AND EFFECTIVE EPMG PARTICIPATION. SEMI-
AUTHORITATIVE ABIOT FORUM COLUMN DENOUNCED "KHARTOUM-
MOGADISCIO AXIS" AND CITED RECENT US, UK, IRANIAN AND
SUDANESE MOVES IN SUPPORT OF GSDR AS PROOF OF REAC-
TIONARY COLLUSION AGSINT EPMG. END SUMMARY.

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1. JUNE 6 MININFO SPOKESMAN STATED STEPPING UP TROOP
BUILDUPS BY SUDAN ALONG ETHIOPIA'S WESTERN BORDER DUR-
ING PAST FEW DAYS CLEAR PROVOCATION. SPOKESMAN RE-
ITERATED SUDANESE GOVT'S OPEN INTERVENTION IN
ETHIOPIA VIOLATED UN AND OAU CHARTERS. REMAINDER OF
STATEMENT DEVOTED TO SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIAN BROAD MASSES

FOR PEOPLE OF SUDAN IN THEIR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST NIMEIRI CLIQUE. PAGE 2 SUPPORTIVE ARTICLE, IN PERHAPS MOST TASTELESS ATTACK ON NIMEIRI TO DATE, DESCRIBED HIM AS A BLOODTHIRSTY, SADISTIC MANIAC WHO HAS KILLED ANSARS, PROGRESSIVE PATRIOTS, SUDANESE COMMUNISTS, PAN-ARABISTS, BLACKS FROM WESTERN SUDAN AND WHO NOW KILLING ANYANA. ARTICLE NOTED THAT WHILE PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCING END OF 30-YEAR POLICY OF "CONTAINMENT OF PROGRESSIVE IDEAS," AMBASSADOR YOUNG FEASTING, REJOICING AND DISCUSSING ARMS DEALS IN KHARTOUM.

2. SECOND MININFO STATEMENT APPARENTLY RESULT OF PRESS REPORTS FROM KHARTOUM THAT SUDAN AND YAR HAD AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR SUMMIT ON RED SEA SECURITY. MININFO SPOKESMAN STATED ANY CONFERENCE WITHOUT ETHIOPIA'S FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION WOULD BE INCOMPLETE. SPOKESMAN REITERATED PAST DENOUNCEMENTS OF RED SEA SECURITY SCHEME, NOTED ETHIOPIA'S EQUAL RIGHTS AS LITTORL STATE, AND CHARACTERIZED ARAB EFFORTS AS WICKED CAMPAIGN TO CREATE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT IN RED SEA REGION.

3. SEMI-AUTHORITATIVE ABIOT FORUM ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE KHARTOUM-MOGADISCIO AXIS" SUMMARIZED RECENT COLLUSION BETWEEN REACTIONARIES AND "OPPORTUNISTS RIGHT WING PETTY BOURGEOIS" GSDR. ARTICLE LISTED:

(A) STATEMENT FROM MAY 28 MEETING IN KHARTOUM BETWEEN SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT HUSSEIN KULMIE AFRAH AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUDANESE VP MOHAMMED EL-BAGHIR AHMED IN WHICH BOTH PARTIES INDICATED "FULL IDENTITY" OF VIEWS ON "SECURITY" AND "SAFETY" OF TWO COUNTRIES.

(B) COMMUNIQUE FROM NIMEIRI'S RECENT VISIT TO FRANCE IN WHICH "RULING CLASSES OF FRANCE AND NIMEIRI" EXPRESSED "IDENTICAL" VIEWS.

(C) PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT U.S. WANTS "SOMALIA TO BE OUR FRIEND."

(D) PENDING (SIC) ARRIVAL OF U.S. AND U.K. TECHNICAL AID TEAMS TO MOGADISCIO.

(E) VISIT BY BRITISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS TED ROWLANDS, CHARACTERIZED AS FIRST BRITISH MINISTERIAL VISIT SINCE INDEPENDENCE 17 YEARS AGO.

(F) VISIT BY IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI
OF SOMALIA FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO SUDAN.

ARTICLE ALSO CONDEMNED GSDR SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN SECES-
SION, PARTICULARLY AT ISLAMIC SUMMIT, AND NOTED AGGRES-
SIVE, EXPANSIONIST NATURE OF GSDR WHICH COVETS BOTH
OGADEN AND DJIBOUTI.
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